Pay Scale of Accounts Officers of Indian Audit and Accounts Department

3662. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India had recommended the sale of Rs. 3000-4500 for the Accounts Officers of the Indian Audit and Accounts Department;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this proposal was accepted by the Government in principle and only the date of implementation was to be decided in consultation with C.&.A.C.; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the delay in implementing the decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) and (b). The Comptroller and Auditor General had recommended that the Audit/Accounts Officers in the scale of Rs. 2375-3500 be given the higher scale of pay equivalent to that of Under Secretaries to the Government of India i.e. Rs. 3000-4500.

(c) The proposal was not accepted by the Govenrment.

(d) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Expenditure on Trade Development Authority and Indian Institute of Foreign Trade

3663. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred on the Trade Development Authority and the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade during the last three years; and

(b) the total value of assistance obtained in trade through these institutions during the above period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) The total expenditure incurred on the Trade Development Authority and the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade during the last three years i.e. from 1988-89 to 1990-91 is given below:-

Year	*Trade Development Authority*	*Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (Rupees in lakhs)*
1988-89	443.14	172.37
1989-90	523.61	191.60
1990-91	553.29	204.03
Total	1520.04	568.00

(b) Trade Development Authority is an export promotion organisation set up for promoting export of selected non-traditional products to specific markets and concentrates on providing a package of services to exporters mainly in small scale sector. It does not enter the export transactions directly but only assists its members to do so, by playing the role of a catalyst. It is thus not possible to quantify the value of trade done with the assistance of Trade Development Authority. However, as a result of its promotional programmes, the estimated value of business secured by its member during the last three years is Rs. 433.37 crores, the break-up of which is given below:-